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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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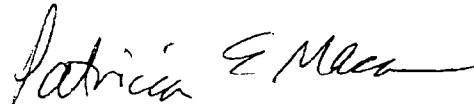
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing in support of ending the antitrust case against Microsoft. The Microsoft settlement is a just and prudent conclusion to a maddening trial, and should be final. Any further federal or state action against Microsoft should be stopped.

Microsoft has been a major contributor to the national economy, which is especially important during market doldrums like the one we currently endure. It is imperative that Microsoft uses its resources to innovate in the software industry, instead of spending money on unwarranted litigation. The concessions the corporation is making in the settlement will promote fair competition. The changes in licensing agreements alone will strongly augment the power of computer hardware manufacturers to sell their machines, since they will be able to tailor every customer's computer for his or her optimal needs.

I strongly urge your support of ending all action that hinders Microsoft's progress and ability to innovate. Please work to convince Attorney General Stovall of Kansas of the wisdom of this settlement.

Sincerely,



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